

Marco Museum starts with partnership

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Building a museum from the grass roots is something that every man, woman & child can be part of.

There is nothing more exciting than building a museum that will be a lasting legacy for generations to come.

The museum we envision will be a source of community pride, a place where adults and children can learn about their own culture as they learn about history and culture of those who came before us.

County Partnership

Collier County Commissioners signed an agreement May 13, 2003 with the Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS), designating the land by the Marco Island Public Library as the museum site, giving the MIHS five years commencing on April 1, 2003 and ending April 1, 2008, to construct the first phase of the building.

The commissioners agreed to fund the displays and to maintain the museum once it is built.

The commissioners also agreed to establish a joint board of four persons – two from the county and two from MIHS to determine the management policies and practices of the museum.

It is the intention of the MIHS to establish policies and practices of the museum oriented to the needs of the community. This unique agreement between the county and the historical society will allow the museum to be used in a manner that is not restricted to policies and procedures normally governing the use of other county entities.

Value of the museum

In August 2004, the Collier County Department of Facilities Management estimated the Marco museum site, about 3 acres or 130,680 square feet, to be valued at approximately \$2.3 million.

The estimated annual cost of maintaining the proposed 8,000- square-foot museum is \$209,280.

The cost of galleries, exhibits and display cases can vary, but using a rule of thumb assigning one-third of the total square footage of the building for displays, it would cost about \$1.5 million.

These amounts represent 2004 figures.

Museum will not raise residents' taxes

Historically, Collier County museums are funded by tourist bed tax or Tourist Development



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Helen Ann Federspiel, left, Juan Munera and Kira Krum at the black tie dinner at the home of Mark and Cindy Murlowski.

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